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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR ANAND REQUEST FOR CALL ON DR. KISSINGER

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HUMMEL

1. DURING AN AUGUST 22 COURTESY CALL ON ME, AMBASSADOR ANAND REQUESTED THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE MADE FOR HIM TO SEE DR. KISSINGER. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS REQUEST BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF A FEELING ON THE PART OF SENIOR RTG OFFICIALS THAT THEIR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON WAS NOT BEING ACCORDED ACCESS TO SENIOR US POLICY MAKERS ON A BASIS COMPARABLE TO THE TREATMENT OF OUR AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK, WHO HAD READY AND FREQUENT ACCESS TO SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER. I SAID WE WOULD INQUIRE ABOUT AN APPOINTMENT.

2. WE HAVE CONVEYED ANAND'S REQUEST TO DR. KISSINGER AND HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT, OWING TO AN UNUSUALLY HEAVY SCHEDULE DURING THIS TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, HE IS UNABLE TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR ANAND AT THE PRESENT TIME. WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE
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HOPING TO SET UP A MEETING BETWEEN DR. KISSINGER AND CHATCHAI WHILE THE LATTER IS IN THE US FOR UNGA AND IT MAY BE THAT ANAND'S FIRST MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE ON THAT OCCASION.

3. WE HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO ANAND,
BUT IN VIEW OF RTG INTEREST YOU MAY WANT TO MENTION IT TO
APPROPRIATE RTG OFFICIALS STRESSING DR. KISSINGER'S
AND OUR REGRET THAT THE FORMER'S SCHEDULE DID NOT
PERMIT AN EARLIER MEETING. RUSH

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